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150 Candles for the Cake party will be held at the Pearson home tonight, and the usual big cake and an unusual number of candles will be a feature of the evening. It is planned to have 144 small green candles on the cake. The two sisters were born near Married, Wednesday, by the Rev. Charles Little.

REAT INCREASE SHOWN IN
STEEL COMPANY'S BUSINESS

sport Discloses Remarkable Recovery in Steel and Iron Industry—
Large Surplus.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The fourteenth municular report of the United States Steel apportation, covering operations for industry from a low state of the preceding year and in first quarters of 39.5 to the highest two first quarters of 39.5 to the highest will be steel and Iron industry from a low state of the preceding year and in first quarters of 39.5 to the highest rest of the report is the item recording to corporation's total volume of business to \$455,352,064, against \$350,223,143 in 18.

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#### OPEN WAY FOR SWIFT ACTION ON ARMY BILLS

HOUSE AND SENATE FAVOR PER-MANENT INCREASE OF TROOPS.

PROVIDE PAY FOR MILITIA

The Indianapolis News Bureau, 33 Wyatt Building.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- Military legislation evidently will move swiftly from now on. With the Chamberlain bill reported in the senate today and the Hay bill called up in the house, the way was opened for definite action. In other words, both the house and senate have moved definitely toward the passage of a bill for the permanent enlargement of the standing army, the creation of a reserve, the pay of militia and the accumulation of a reserve supply of war munitions.

Senators will have an opportunity to study both measures and it is an accepted fact that the Chamberlain bill will be approved by the senate. The real fight will come when an effort is made to have the house accept this plan as a substitute

The modifications in the Chamberlain bill ordered by the committee and accepted by the chairman all are in the direction of a more constructive program and as soon as the country has digested the proposals submitted by the senate committee, it is predicted that a wide-spread demand will be voiced for its passage in place of that proposed by the house committee

For Second Line of Defenses.

In the line of improvements, the senate nmittee, for instance, rewrote the section creating a reserve for the regular army, making it provide for a second line of land defense, in accordance with the best military judgments in this and for-eign countries. It is provided in this onnection that the term of enlistment be for six years, but that the regular soldier may pass automatically into the reserve after two years service with the

serve after two years service with the colors or even in one year if he proves extraordinarily proficient.

Moreover, the regular reservist is to be paid for the remainder of his service enlistment, though he may be on furlough for four or even five years, and required to do only such duty as is exacted in an occasional maneuver. These features are regarded as going much further than proposals for a regular reserve. The house chairman wishes the regular to serve at least three years with the colors before he becomes a reservist, and when the trooper finally leaves the colors he is to pass into an unpaid reserve.

Events Favor Larger Army. Of course, the most important difference between the senate and house bills is that with respect to the immediate increase in the regular army. Senator Chamberlain provides in his bill that the regulars have a peace footing of 178,000 men, whereas Mr. Hays provides only for a peace footing of 144,000 men. Recent events in connection with Mexico have strengthened opinion in favor of the larger army and this opinion will be felt when the time comes to choose between these two

plans.

Another difference between the two bills is the proposition carried in that before the senate for a volunteer army to be raised by call of the President in national emergencies. This army is apportioned according to congressional districts and may be called out by the President without further action by the congress. It is, in effect, a substitute for the Garrison continental army schemes. There is nothing in the Hay bill to correspond to it.

Both bills provide for pay for the militia and the acceptance of this policy by both the house and senate no longer is a matter of doubt. The only question which will arise will deal with details of militia reorganization.

#### INDIANA NEWS IN BRIEF

SHELBYVILLE—Freddie Gerstorff, age two whose parents live near Edinburg, accidentally shot himself through the left leg when play-ag with a revolver which he found in a

BRAZIL—Mrs. John Moore, age twenty-four, died Thursday of injuries received in an explosion of coal oil. Her husband was starting a fire in a grate. The oil in the can caught fire and Mrs. Moore was burned.

WASHINGTON—Ralph Singleton and Vinson Jones have received judgments of \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively against the Howell Aviation Company, of Chicago. They were injured at a Labor day celebration when an aeroplane operated by an employe of the company sailed into the crowd.

SOUTH BEND—The high schools of northers.

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ELKHART—C. G. Conn, former mayor and congressman, has left Elkhart for Avalon, Catalina island, Cal. He will superintend the erection of a villa to take the place of one destroyed by fire several months ago. It is understood Mr. Conn's loss by the fire was \$50,000. Many valuable paintings were destroyed. operated by an employe of the company sailed into the crowd.

ALEXANDRIA—Twenty candidates were initiated by the Elks, Thursday night. The SOUTH REND—The high schools of northern Indiana will hold an oratorical contest and track meet at the Notre Dame oval in this city. May 20. South Bend, Laporte, Elkhart, served, Elwood and Tipton lodges attended....

Crown Point, Miskawaka, Goshen, Michigan Because of the critical illness of F. M. Harbit,

the penal farm.

SULLIVAN-Presley M. Self, a veterinarian of farmetsburg, was arrested on a charge of cruelty to animals preferred by Mrs. Martha Patton, of Hymera, who alleges that when he was attending a cow owned by the plaintiff he caused the death of the animal by thrusting a pointed stick down its throat in an effort to dislodge some object which the cow had swallowed

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LAWRENCEBURG—Emmett R. Kirsch, a

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LAWRENCEBURG—Emmett R. Kirsch, a hig school pupil, was serlously injured at the station of the B. & O. S. W. railroad here, when he stirred the fire in the furnace, an explosion of gas burning him about the head and on the hands. Physicians think that his sight has not been destroyed...R. Lee Nugent, a road constructor, when driving his automobile, accidentally ran into a horse and buggy belonging to William E. Kolb. The horse and vehicle were forced down a fifteenfoot enbankment, and Kolb was seriously injured.

jured.

HARTFORD CITY-A letter from France was received Thursday by Mrs. Nettié Parks from her daughter. Miss Crystal Parks, who left this country with thirty graduate nurses for Red Cross duty on the battlefields. The party was taken to the camp hospital from the boat in Red Cross armored motor cars. Nothing is said in the letter of the war conditions. Miss Parks says there is much snow there now and it is quite cold... Robert Kegerrels, a well-known resident, fell on the street and was seriously injured when he was on his way to see a doctor.

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BLOOMINGDALE—The Historical Society, of which Stanten Newlin is president and Mrs. Mary C. Welch is secretary, met Thursday and gave the following program: "Native Inhabitants," E. S. Vickrey: "The Organization and Development of Penn Township." E. K. Morris, "The History of Local Churches," Mrs. Stanten Newlin. Local history is being compiled with an idea of preserving facts for future historians and also as a preparation for a centennial pageant to be given in the summer. ... The Rev. George B. Jones, of Hillsboro, is assisting the Rev. Charles H. Law in a series of meetings at the M. E. church. The meetings will probably continue for two or three weeks. COLUMBUS—The institute of the Women's Christian Temperance Union closed at Hartaville. Thursday. Mrs. Martha Gipe. of Indianapolis, was the instructor. A contest was given at which young persons of the vicinity real papers on alcohol, tocaved first prize. The women of this city have adopted as a slogan for the city's beautification contest, "Who wins, wins for all. Who loses, loses not at all." The slogan is the suggestion of Mrs. W. W. Lambert. The women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans completed and all of the wards in the city have held meetings. Flowers will be planted in the alleys if the women have their plans com Street McHodist Episcopal church was helt Thursday, A resolution yeas adopted calling on the North Indiana Methodist church in return the pastor, the Rev. O. B. Morris... Dr. Howard H. Russell spoke to 530 men at a banquet at the First Methodist Episcopa church Thursday night on "National Methodi to Promote Safety, Efficiency and Prepared ness by Increasing Sobriety."

#### TRYING TO PICK PRIZE BABY baby is selected the children will be exhibited and later there will be an automobile parade through the business experts at Lafayette Show Have streets, mothers and bables at the show Experts at Lafayette Show Have streets, mott taking part.

Judged More Than Two Hundred.

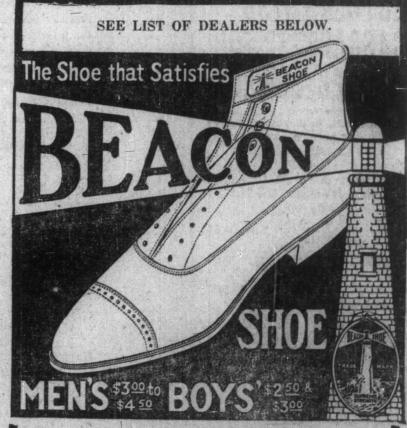
[Special to The Indianapolis News] LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 17 .- More than two hundred babies have been judged in the contest in connection with Lafa-

Evansville Contractor Dies. [Special to The Indianapolis News] EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 17 .- Conrad Hartman, age seventy-eight, who was one GREENFIELD—The suit filed by James Jackson in the Hanceck circuit court against Thomas Munger for \$5,000 damages has been venued to Marion county....Charles Curl, a lumber buyer, of this city, was found guilty in Mayor Johnson's court of drawing a knife on his wife and was sentenced to 200 days at the penal farm.

The contest in connection with Datayette's first baby week observance. The babies came from all parts of the county and are being judged by local physicians buildings in this city, died of paralysis under the direction of experts from the state board of health.

The babies wing get low scores will be vive.

> Thomas Crofts, Age 91, Dies. EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 17.-Thomas day. He was born at Chatteris, England, and came to the United States when a



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# LAUDER AND HIS SOLDIER SON



HARRY LAUDER SEEING HIS SON, JOHN, OFF FOR THE FRONT.

Tuesday and Wednesday, have been rather thoroughly shot to pieces by services the Scotch comedian and singer has performed for his country since the turned home to see his son, John, off to the front, and then organized a band of fifteen pipers, paying their salary and expenses and traveling all over the British isles with a recruiting officer's commission and enlisting thousands to serve under the colors. It was only after he had covered the entire United Kingdom at his own expense that he agreed to return to this country for his eighth tour of America. outbreak of war. Sacrificing the final part of his last American tour, he re-